

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the indicated allowance of claims 2, 4, 10, 14, 16-18 and 20, set forth in Item 4 on page 5 of the Office Action mailed December 12, 2007. By the present amendments, the allowed claims are being maintained in the above-identified application, and the rejected claims (that is, claims 3, 5, 6, 9, 11, 19 and 21-23) are being cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and in particular without prejudice to the filing of a Continuing application or applications directed to the subject matter thereof.

It is emphasized that the present cancelling of the rejected claims is in order to facilitate proceedings in connection with the above-identified application, and without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all claims remaining in the above-identified application stand allowed. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in the above-identified application, in due course, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Kindly charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (case 1270.45867X00), and please credit any overpayments to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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